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SUBJECT - FORD-SADAT MEETING

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WE SHOULD GIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO
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PRESIDENTS IN SALZBURG ON JUNE 1-2. THIS FIRST MEETING OF THE

TWO MEN COMES AT CRUCIAL TIME IN COURSE OF MID-EAST DIPLOMACY.
WE SHOULD USE OCCASION TO UNDERSCORE A NUMBER OF BASIC POLICY
THEMES.

THESE ARE:

1) USG RESOLVE NOT TO ALLOW MID-EAST SITUATION TO STAGNATE.
PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE MADE THIS POINT
REPEATEDLY IN RECENT SPEECHES AND PRESS CONFERENCES. UNPARALLELED
EFFORTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO CONDUCT STEP-BY-STEP
DIPLOMACY DESIGNED TO LEAD TO OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT HAS
BEEN ANOTHER INDICATION.

2) USG -- FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LATEST
STEP-BY-STEP EFFORT--IS RECEPTIVE TO OTHER PEACE-MAKING
APPROACHES WHICH THE PARTIES MAY SUGGEST. THESE COULD TAKE
FORM OF GENEVA STYLE CONFERENCE, RETURN TO STEP-BY-STEP
DIPLOMACY AND/OR FOSTERING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
THE PARTIES UNDER THE GENEVA UMBRELLA.

3) THIS MEETING AT HIGHEST LEVEL IS FURTHER INDICATION OF
INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S. AND ARAB WORLD SINCE OCTOBER
WAR. REFER TO CLOSE RELATIONSHIP SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS
DEVELOPED WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND OTHER ARAB LEADERS AS WELL AS
EXPANDED CONTACTS BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE, BUSINESS AND CULTURAL
LEADERS. USG ALSO REMAINS ONLY OUTSIDE POWER WITH INFLUENCE ON
BOTH ISRAELIS AND ARABS.

4) MEETING VIRTUALLY COINCIDES WITH RE-OPENING OF SUEZ CANAL, AN
EVENT TO WHICH U.S. HAS CONTRIBUTED AND WHICH IT WELCOMES AS
FURTHER STEP TOWARD PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN AREA.

5) MEETING IS INTEGRAL PART OF USG'S MID-EAST POLICY REVIEW.

PRESIDENT FORD EXPECTS TO BENEFIT FROM PRESIDENT SADAT'S VIEWS
-- AND THOSE OF OTHER ARAB LEADERS WITH WHOM EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT
RECENTLY MET -- IN FINALIZING USG POLICY REVIEW. AT SAME TIME,
HE WILL PROVIDE PRESIDENT SADAT WITH PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THIS
POLICY REVIEW. MEETING WILL BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY PRESIDENT
FORD'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN AFTER WHICH
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POLICY REVIEW WILL BE COMPLETED.

6) LETTER OF THE 76 SENATORS DOES NOT UNDERCUT PRESIDENT'S
PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT ARAB LEADERS MAY
HAVE DOUBTS, WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT LETTER MAINLY IS RESTATEMENT
OF A BASIC U.S. POSITION, I.E. COMMITMENT TO SURVIVAL OF A
SOVEREIGN ISRAEL. AT SAME TIME POINT OUT THAT ADMINISTRATION
CONTINUES ITS POLICY REASSESSMENT AND SENATORS' VIEWS ARE BEING

STUDIED IN THAT PROCESS, AS ARE VIEWS FROM OTHER GROUPS. ALSO, ESPECIALLY IN OUTPUT TO ARAB AUDIENCES, NOTE EXPRESSIONS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARAB POSITION AND QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT ISRAELI ATTITUDES, E.G. SENATORS PERCY, MCGOVERN AND ABOUREZK.

7) KISSINGER-GROMYKO MEETING IN VIENNA PRODUCED AGREEMENT THAT A RECONVENED GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS TO BE CAREFULLY PREPARED. USG REGARDS SOVIET RESTRAINT IN MID-EAST AS IMPORTANT INGREDIENT OF DETENTE. THE TWO FOREIGN SECRETARIES WILL MEET AGAIN IN JULY TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN. INGERSOLL

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